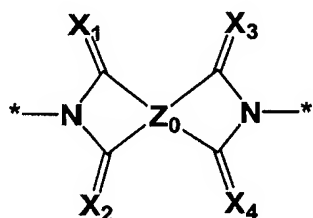


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

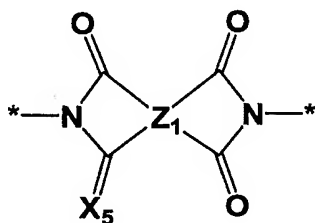
1. (Currently Amended) A compound having a structure wherein structural units represented by the general formula (1) are bonded to one another without a linking group,



... (1)

wherein, in the formula, X_1 to X_4 each independently represent an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom or NR_0 (wherein R_0 represents a hydrogen atom, ~~or a substituted or unsubstituted monovalent organic group~~ a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group); Z_0 represents a tetravalent organic group; and * represents a bonding position.

2. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim 1, comprising structural units represented by the general formula (2),

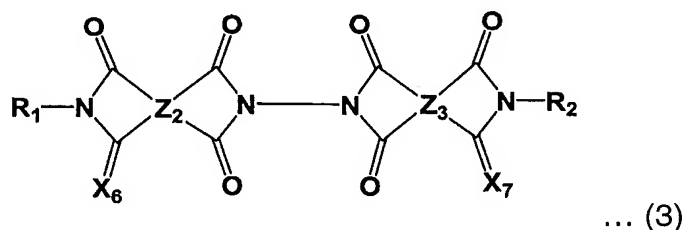


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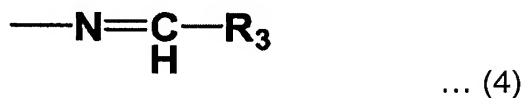
wherein, in the formula, Z_1 represents a tetravalent organic group; X_5 represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom or NR_0 (wherein R_0 represents a hydrogen atom, ~~or a substituted or unsubstituted monovalent organic group~~ a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or

unsubstituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group); and * represents a bonding position.

3. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim 1, represented by the general formula (3),



wherein, in the formula, Z_2 and Z_3 each independently represent a tetravalent organic group constituting a tetracarboxylic acid and its derivatives; X_6 and X_7 each independently represent an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom or NR_0 (wherein R_0 represents a hydrogen atom, or a substituted or unsubstituted monovalent organic group); when X_6 is a nitrogen atom, X_6 may be bonded to R_1 for forming a ring structure; when X_7 is a nitrogen atom, X_7 may be bonded to R_2 for forming a ring structure; and R_1 and R_2 each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a ~~substituted or unsubstituted aryl group~~ a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group or a group selected from the group consisting of the following general formula (4),



wherein, in the formula, R_3 represents a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group.

4. (Currently Amended) An electrophotographic photoconductor containing at least ~~one kind of the compounds~~ one compound as described in claim 1.

5. (Currently Amended) An organic transistor containing at least ~~one kind of the compounds~~ one compound as described in claim 1.

6. (Currently Amended) An organic solar cell containing at least ~~one kind of the compounds~~ one compound as described in claim 1.

7. (Currently Amended) An organic electroluminescent device containing at least ~~one kind of the compounds~~ one compound as described in claim 1.